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Amendment Transmittal Letter

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 Washington, DC 20231

Inventor(s): Harry A. Loder and Duane T. Smith

Application No. 09/643,333

Filed: August 22, 2000

Title: OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTOR SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: Unknown
 Examiner: Unknown

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Respectfully submitted,

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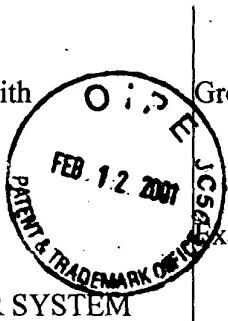
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments to the above referenced patent application:

In the Claims:

N.8 already done per A
Please delete claims 1-7.

Please add the following claims:

13. A connector system for connecting at least one optical fiber cable on a mateable substrate through a backplane, the optical fiber cable including a terminating ferrule, the longitudinal orientation of optical fibers within the terminating ferrule defining a longitudinal axis and a forward direction, the ferrule having a first longitudinal range of motion and a ferrule spring